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3 ASYMMETRIC TOW SYSTEM FOR MULTIPLE LINEAR SEISMIC ARRAYS

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5 ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

6 An asymmetric towing system for towing multiple linear
7 arrays includes a tow platform and a single composite tow
8 cable extending from the tow platform and having the multiple
9 linear arrays connected both mechanically and electrically
10 thereto. The composite tow cable is shaped by a hard
11 streamlined casing and houses a load bearing cable for
12 mechanical connection to each array and plural individual
13 array connections for establishing electrical communication
14 between each array and the tow platform. A single depressor
15 is connected to a distal end of the composite cable for
16 spreading the composite cable in a substantially lateral
17 direction from and to one side of the tow platform.